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Submission: As a senior of 75 I am very disturbed to hear of any plans to increase the daily cost of the Gold Opal card. I am a member of several U3A (University of the Third Age) groups and I have always thought what a difference having this card makes to so many people mostly elderly widows whose mental and physical health is sustained by frequent outings all over Sydney, and sometimes at weekends to locations outside the CBD, to visit galleries or the Blue Mountains for example. They also attend films together (on the cheap days). This involves, for many people, combined train (or ferry), and bus travel. These people need the company of the friends they make in the groups. In addition some of these people are volunteers at the MCA, the Art Gallery of NSW and the Botanical Gardens. The additional travel expense proposed would limit their participation in these activities and would be detrimental to their lives and to the lively community which is Sydney. Please think carefully before you take this step.